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Applicant : David C. CUSHING et al.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed December 16, 2006, the time for reply having been extended until May 16, 2007, by the attached petition, please amend the above-referenced application and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.